

Everett Link Extension and Model Code Partnership

Everett Planning Commission Meeting

3/2/21

Everett Link Extension



Presentation Overview

Discussion of EVLE with a focus on:

- Model Code Partnership and role of Planning Commission



Largest rail expansion in the country

Serving a region of over 3 million

Link Light Rail

- 116-mile regional system with 50 stations.
- Connecting Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah, Tacoma, Everett, Ballard, West Seattle



Currently under construction

Light rail extensions

- Northgate (3 stations, opening 2021)
- Hilltop Tacoma (6 stations, 2022)
- East Link (10 stations, 2023)
- **Lynnwood (4 stations, 2024)**
- Federal Way (3 stations, 2024)
- Downtown Redmond (2 stations, 2024)

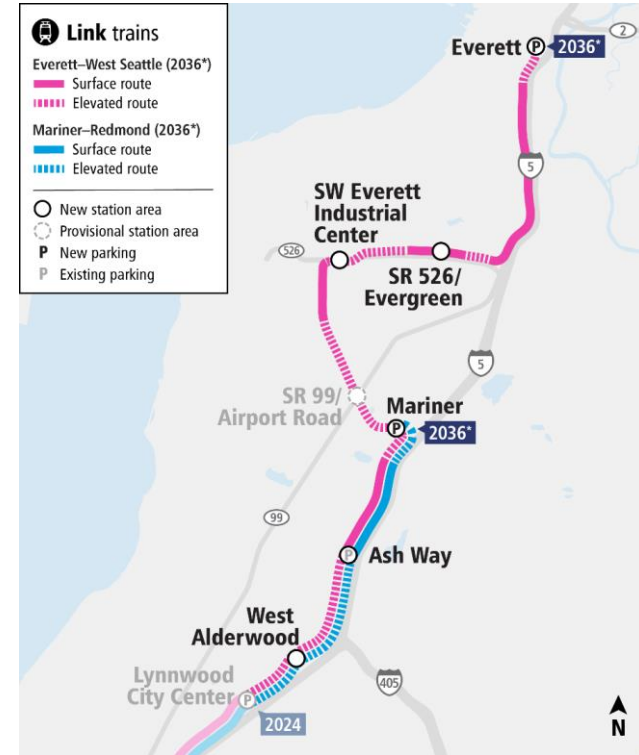


Everett Link Extension

ST3 Representative Project

- **Length:** 16 miles
- **Stations:** 6 (2 parking facilities), plus 1 provisional (unfunded) station
- **Operations & Maintenance Facility**
- **Daily Project Riders:** 37,000-45,000 (2040)
- **Start of Service (ST3 Plan):** 2036

**All project delivery dates currently under review due to the Board realignment process.*



Operations and Maintenance Facility North

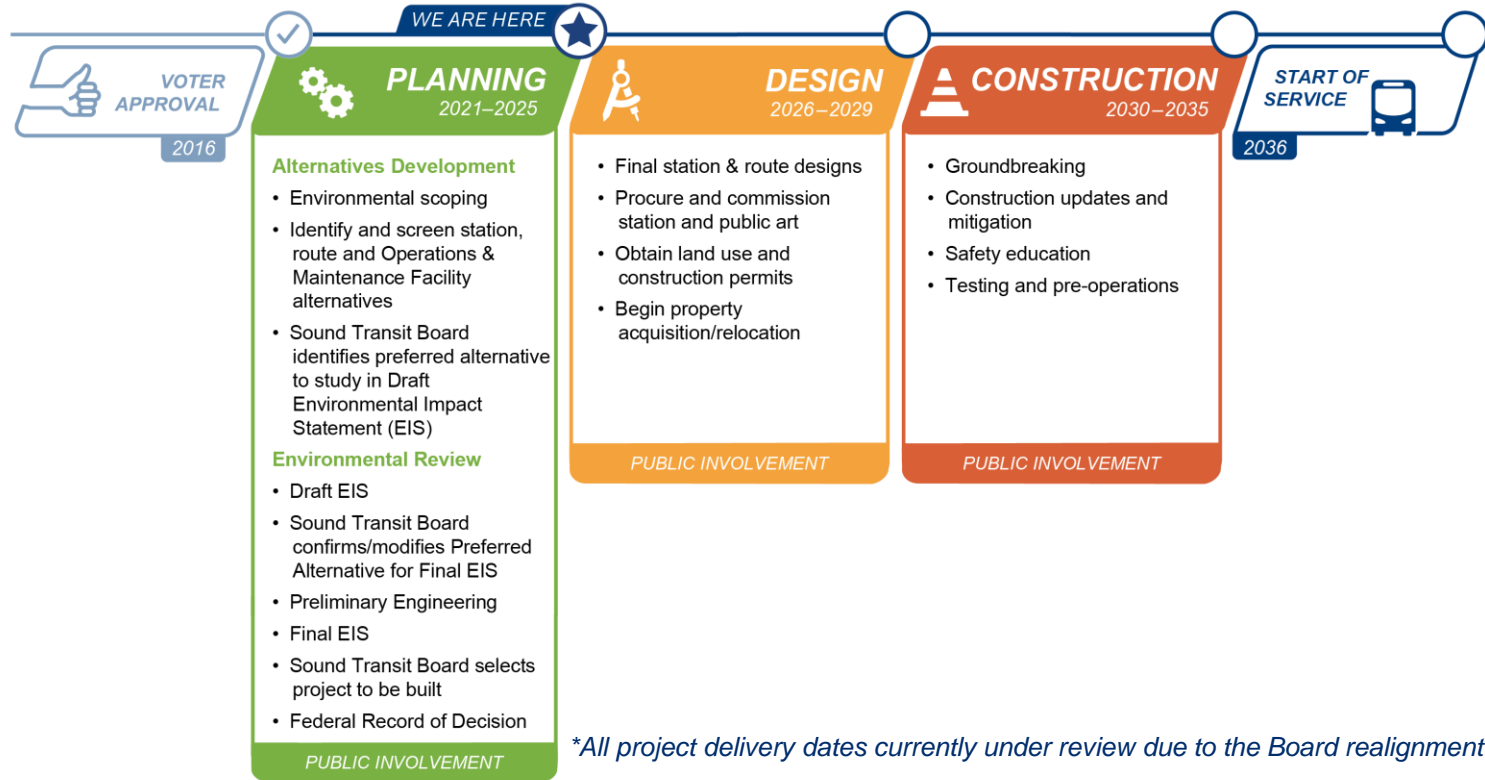
Facility supports Everett Link and system-wide expansion needs

- Critical facility to store and maintain the trains
- **Capacity:** 150+ light rail vehicles
- **Opening (ST3 Plan):** 2032



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Everett Link Extension timeline



Evaluation criteria categories



› *Effective transportation solutions*



› *Land use and economic development and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)*



› *Preserve the environment*



› *Equitable mobility*



› *Financially sustainable and constructible*

Advisory groups

Engagement will be similar to other ST3 projects



***Elected Leadership
Group***



***Community
Advisory Group***

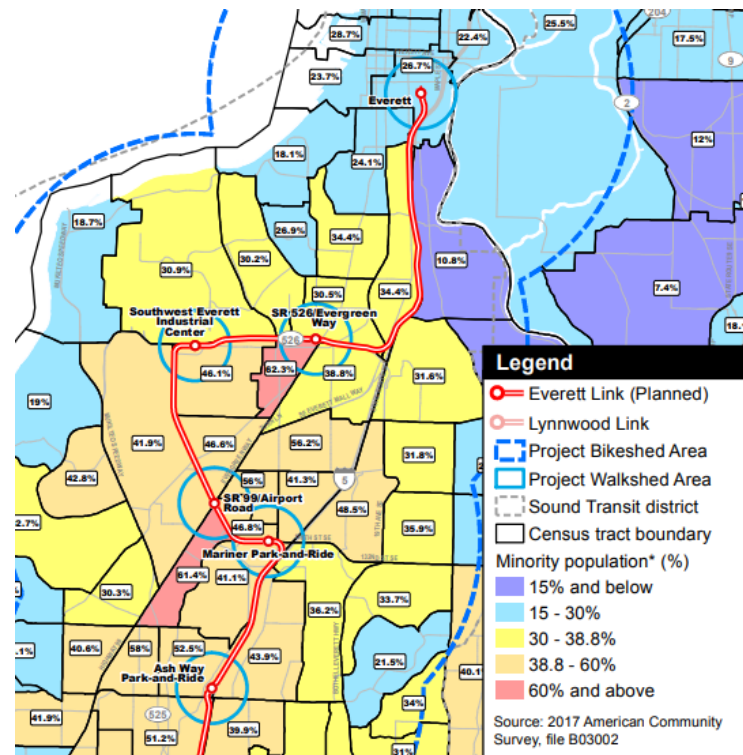


***Interagency
Group***

People in the corridor

Demographic snapshot

- 23% Low-income
- 46% People of color
- 15% Limited English proficiency
- Top 3 languages other than English:
 - Spanish
 - Russian
 - Korean



Racial Equity Tool

Goals for Everett Link

- **Research** the legacy of racism in the corridor
- **Engage** historically underserved communities proactively and meaningfully
- **Evaluate** alternatives through equity lens
 - Ensure benefits for underserved and communities of color (e.g. connections/access, jobs)
 - Avoid disproportionate impacts (e.g. displacement)



Model Code Partnership

Model Code Partnership Project

Goals:

Encourage consistency and best practices across partners

- Align and improve design standards
- Advance common interest in TOD development

Streamline permitting and increase predictability

- Update policies, regulations and permitting processes for both ST facilities and station area development

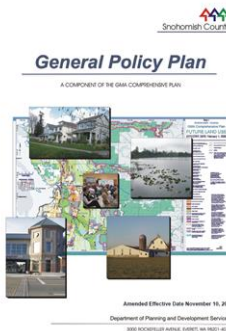
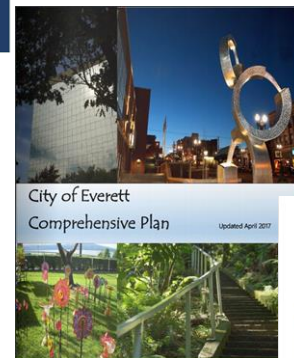
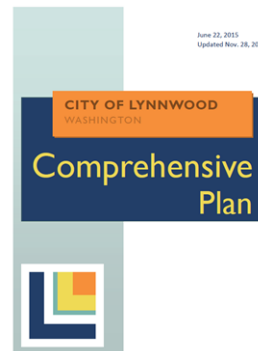


FTA TOD Pilot Program grant

\$2M Grant Award

To support corridor-wide adoption of model regulatory language for:

- Transit-oriented development
- Multi-modal connectivity
- Public-private partnerships
- Economic development
- Affordable housing
- Green building



Model Code Partnership

Components

- Inventory Report
- Gap Analysis
- Model Code Development and Local Adoption
 - Case Studies

Role of Commission

- Consider how to codify best practices when making recommendations for:
 - Housing Strategy
 - Station area planning and master planning
 - Comprehensive and Master Plan Updates

Thank you.

Thank you.



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